

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 805
By Davis

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mountain States Health Alliance upon its receipt of the 2005 Tennessee Excellence Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those health care organizations that, through their extraordinary efforts, have improved the quality of life for the citizens of this State; and

WHEREAS, Mountain States Health Alliance (MSHA), led by President and Chief Executive Officer Dennis Vonderfecht, is one such estimable organization; and

WHEREAS, MSHA was recently honored by the Tennessee Center for Performance Excellence (TNCPE) with the 2005 Tennessee Excellence Award, an honor most befitting the organization's status and contributions to the community; and

WHEREAS, TNCPE is a private, not-for-profit organization which seeks to lead businesses and other organizations in the pursuit of performance excellence, improving results and contributing to the economic vitality of the region; and

WHEREAS, the TNCPE Excellence Award is presented to organizations which serve as outstanding examples of high performance organizations, exhibiting "World-Class" processes which serve as role models for others. Organizations recognized at this highest level have demonstrated management excellence with superior results clearly evident, and they continue to improve and build upon outstanding results and excellent systems; and

WHEREAS, TNCPE recognizes organizations in the State of Tennessee that use the Baldrige Criteria for Performance Excellence as the basis for their business model, and Mountain States Health Alliance was the only organization in the State to receive the TNCPE Excellence Award in 2005; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, MSHA completed a rigorous examination process that evaluated the system's leadership structure, strategic planning processes, customer and market focus, information processes, staff focus, process management, and organizational performance results. MSHA also completed a multi-day site visit by an inspection of team of eight members; the positive results of the examination and inspection testify to the great service that the people of Tennessee receive from MSHA; and

WHEREAS, the members of Mountain States Health Alliance display the committed and dedicated spirit necessary for success in today's business and health administration worlds; and

WHEREAS, MSHA has played a vital role in developing and maintaining the high quality of life that is enjoyed by the good people of the State of Tennessee, and should be properly recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend the good people of Mountain States Health Alliance for their reception of the 2005 Tennessee Excellence Award given by the Tennessee Center for Performance Excellence, thank them for their service to the citizens of Tennessee, and wish them every success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.